

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 11.]

ZACCHEUS THE PUBLICAN.

[Dec. 16.]

Luke 19. 1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19. 10.

MEMORY VERSES, 8-10.—And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

To the folks at home: Please help the little ones to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Bartimeus was not the only one in Jericho to whom the coming of Jesus brought a blessing. Zaccheus lived there, and he, too, received his sight from Jesus. He could see, it is true, with his outer eyes, but the eyes of his mind were not yet open when Jesus came.

Zaccheus was the chief of the publicans, or tax men, and he was very rich. The Jews hated the publicans, for they thought they were dishonest. If you read the eighth verse, you will see that Zaccheus owned that he had not always been honest. You can see how much Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus by the way he took to make sure of it, for he got up in a tree. Notice how the sight of Jesus made Zaccheus hate his sins and eager to get rid of them. Look in the last verse for the grand lesson of this story, and tell some one what it is.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who was Zaccheus?
A rich publican.
2. What did he do to see Jesus?
He climbed into a tree.
3. What did Jesus do?
He called Zaccheus by name.